

AFTERNOON SESSION

5.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
March 17th, 1927

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Weston, Shannon, Sanford, Tobin, Halliday, McDuff, Gastonguay, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Drysdale, Smeltzer, Daw and Robinson.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts, chargeable to Works Department \$8,429.44, and to Water Department \$734.11:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 15th, 1927

WORKS & WATER ACCOUNTS

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the undermentioned accounts for February were approved and recommended to Council for payment.

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WATER ACCOUNTS

Maintenance	\$734.11	\$734.11
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WORKS ACCOUNTS

Capital Appropriations	45.94 8,383.50	8,429.44
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Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$9,141.92.

City Hall, March 17-27

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee beg to recommend for payment the attached list of accounts amounting to \$9,141.92.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
J.L. McDuff
Thomas Robinson

COMMITTEE

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman McDuff, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee
on Firewards recommending for payment accounts
amounting to \$12,574.88;

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 11th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council;

Gentlemen:-

At a Meeting of the Committee
of Firewards held this day the attached lists of
accounts amounting in all to \$12,574.88 were submitted,
passed as correct and recommended to the City Council
for payment.

Fire Department.	\$12,183.01
Fire Alarm Maint.	391.87
	<u>\$12,574.88</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Rains
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Rains,
seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted
and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL
ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities
Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable
to City Home \$6,324.93 and to T.B. Hospital \$2,066.83;

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report MEMBERS PRESENT The Chairman, Aldermen Sanford, Hubley, Drysdale Gastonguay, and Daw.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, FEBY. 1927, AMOUNT \$6324.93

City Home accounts for the month of February 1927, amounting to \$6323.93 were recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, FEBY. 1927
AMOUNT \$2066.83

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of February 1927, amounting to \$2066.83 were recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,644.88

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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, March 16th, 1927, the following named accounts amounting to \$1,644.88

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were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Respectfully yours

A.C. Pettipas
SECRETARY C.H. B.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by
Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted and
accounts paid. Motion passed.

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CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison
Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting
to \$960.27, and covering report of Governor Grant
for the month of February showing the number of
prisoners in custody to be twenty-three males and
six females;

Halifax, N.S. March 8th-27

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison
Committee held this day, the attached list of
accounts amounting to \$960.27 was passed as correct
and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Your Committee submit the report
of the Governor for the month of February, showing
there were twenty-nine inmates- twenty three males
and six females.

Respectfully submitted

I.E. Sanford
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Sanford,
seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the report be
adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee
recommending for payment accounts amounting to
\$7,471.36:-

City Hall,
March 14th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee
held this date, the following accounts amounting to
\$7,471.36 were examined, found correct and recommended
for payment.

Dominion Rubber Co. Ltd R. Boots	\$4.99
T.C. Johnson, Repairs S. Watch	2.00
Cragg Bros. Mdse	11.97
Phillips & Marshall, Commitment books	12.50
R.W. Wright, Office Supplies	10.00
Salaries Feb. 1-15th	3714.95
Salaries, Feb. 15- to 28th	3714.95
	<u>\$ 7,471.36</u>

Respectfully submitted

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Daw,
seconded by Alderman Rains that the report be adopted
and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee
on Gardens Parks and Common recommending for payment
accounts amounting to \$437.75:-

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Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 15-27

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common held this day, the attached lists of accounts, chargeable to public gardens \$376.23 and chargeable to Fleming Park \$61.52 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$202.55:

Committee Room, City Hall
March 15th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$202.55 chargeable to Camp Hill Cemetery was submitted, passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted

I.E. Sanford
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Rains that the report be adopted, and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Citizens' Free Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$648.46

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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee beg to submit the following accounts for payment:-

City of Halifax	Salaries Jan & Feb.	\$443.30
T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	21.60
Chronicle Co. Ltd.	Subscription	5.00
H.W. Wilson Co.	"	11.55
Can. Hist. Review	"	2.00
Can. Mil. Gazette	"	2.50
Review Pub Co.	"	2.00
Heaton Pub. Co.	Handbook	3.50
		<u>\$491.45</u>
O.D. Gazenove & Son	Sub- £32 5 3	157.01
		<u>\$648.46</u>

Respectfully submitted

L.F. Barnaby
Librarian

S.L. Shannon
James Halliday
James W. McCarthy.
COMMITTEE.

Moved by Alderman Shannon,
seconded by Alderman Halliday that the report be
adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

FARQUHAR BROS. LIMITED
ACCOUNT

Read report of the Finance
Committee recommending for payment account of

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Farquhar Bros. Limited- \$39.00, for shifting thermostat and renewing steam traps in the City Collector's Office;

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached account of Farquhar Bros., Limited \$39.00 for shifting thermostat and renewing steam traps in the City Collector's Office was recommended to the City Council for payment.

As there is no appropriation for this amount your Committee recommend that it be paid under authority of Section 976 of the City Charter and that the attached Resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following Resolution is submitted:

RESOLVED that the report of the Finance Committee in reference to the account of Messrs. Farquhar Bros. Ltd. \$39.00 be adopted and that the said sum of \$39.00 be raised under authority of Section 976 of the City Charter as amended by Acts 1924, Chap. 60 Sec. 52. Said amount to be borrowed from the bank or any fund available and to be included in and paid out of the Civic Estimates of 1928-29.

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Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Shannon and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Weston, Shannon, Tobin, Sanford, Halliday, Gastonguay, MacDuff, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Drysdale, Robinson, Smeltzer and Daw.

*Auditor
Treasurer*

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WATER SHED OF WATER SUPPLY-

PURCHASE OF GOUGH PROPERTY

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the purchase of the property of Dr. Gough on the water shed of the water supply:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 16-27

WATERSHED BEECH HILL
GOUGH PROPERTY

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the report of the City Engineer which is attached hereto was considered, and it was decided to recommend to Council that the City Engineer be authorized to negotiate the purchase of said property provided Dr. Gough is agreeable to accepting (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars as payment in full of the lands in question, and in the event of acceptance payment to be made out of the interest accumulation on Special Water Emergency Fund.

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Dec. 29th, 1926

WATERSHED BEECH HILL-
GOUGH PROPERTY

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a letter from P.A. Gough, V.S., offering to sell the City twenty-three acres of land at Beech Hill at the rate of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) an acre, that as may be seen from the plan, this lot is on the north side of the Margaret's Bay Road near the summit of the Watershed at Beech Hill.

At various times the question of the advisability of acquiring all the lands on the watershed from which a possible contamination of the water supply could come from has been reported upon and the principle has been adopted of acquiring such properties as funds were available.

The two most important sections of the watershed at present owned by private persons are the lands between Chain Lakes and Long Lake, owned by the Rockcliffe Heights Land Company, and those on the north side of the Margaret's Bay Road at Beech Hill. A few years ago the properties on the south side of the road were acquired by the City and it is of great importance that those on the north side be acquired as soon as possible. There is a brook draining several of these properties crossing the Prospect Road and discharging into the head of Long Lake, which is a possible source of danger.

Dr. Gough claims that there is a certain amount of cultivated land in the property. On account of the snow conditions I have been unable to verify the quantity and until I can do so I cannot give an opinion as to the value, and I would suggest that the matter be allowed to stand over until the snow is off the ground when a better idea can be formed of its worth.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by

Alderman Smeltzer that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed, fourteen voting for the same and

one against it as follows:

*Alderman
Engineer*

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FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston
Shannon
Tobin
Sanford
Halliday
Gastonguay
MacDuff
McCarthy
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
Smeltzer
Daw- 14

Alderman Robinson

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PUBLIC GARDENS-TENDER FOR TREES

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens Parks and Common recommending the acceptance
of the tender of John Connon Company, Limited for
trees for the Public Gardens;

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 15th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee
on Gardens, Parks and Common held this day, the
tender of John Connon Co. Ltd., Hamkilton, Ontario
for the supplying of trees to the Public Gardens to
the value of \$100.00 was approved and recommended to
the City Council for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR

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*Auditor
Mr. Hall*

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by
Alderman Gastonguay, that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT

Read report A.H. Cullymore,
Supervisor of Coal Weighers, showing the amount
received by the Permanent Weighers during the month
of February to be \$90.29 each:

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TAX COLLECTIONS

Read report of the City
Auditor covering statement of collection of taxes
and other monies during the month of February 1927:

Halifax, N.S. March 16-27

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Re Tax Collections

I attach hereto my usual
report on Tax Collections for the month of February
and the outstandings as at February 28th, 1927, and
submit the following further information in regard
to this all important matter.

The Collections on account
of back years taxes during the month of February
amounted to \$31,937.24. I give you the following
statement to enable you to compare the Collections
on account of back years taxes this Civic Year
with the corresponding period last year:

	<u>1925-26</u>	<u>1926-27</u>
Collections for 9 months to 31 January	\$434,310.02	\$416,284.18
February Collections	57,042.57	31,937.24
	<u>\$491,352.59</u>	<u>\$448,221.42</u>

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which shows that the Collections of back years taxes for the ten months ending 28 February last are \$43,131.17 less than the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Collections on account of taxes of the Current Civic Year during February amounted to \$34,769.27 which compares with last year as follows:

	<u>1925-26</u>	<u>1926-27</u>
Collections 9 months to 31 January	\$1,195,304.87	\$1,232,297.83
February Collections	<u>25,441.35</u>	<u>34,769.27</u>
	<u>\$1,220,746.22</u>	<u>\$1,267,067.10</u>

which shows an increase this year of \$46,320.88 for the ten months ending February 28th last, which increase is about \$3,000.00 greater than the falling off in the Collection of back years taxes referred to above.

I would again point out that due to the non-collection of taxes and also to including on tax rolls amounts which under present conditions the City is apparently unable to collect, the City was due its Bankers at 28 February last:

Loan in respect of 1925-26 Taxes	\$338,600.00
" " " "1926-27 "	<u>271,184.00</u>
	<u>\$609,784.00</u>

these advances will I estimate be increased to approximately \$850,000.00 by 30th April next. The seriousness of this situation is obvious when it is recalled that the City paid off Tax Loans totalling \$1,500,000.00 only nine months ago, out of the proceeds of a Refunding Bond Issue.

I regret that in preparing the estimates for the coming year my suggestion of considerably increasing the reserve for non-collection of taxes was not acted upon as I feel reasonably certain, unless some remarkable improvement in the collection of taxes occurs, that a considerable amount of taxes will prove uncollectible, over and above the reserve already made for non-collection by reason of making assessments that apparently cannot under present conditions be collected. Such loss, whatever it will eventually amount to, together with that which will similarly arise in respect of the last two civic years, are unprovided for, and will presumably have to be included in future estimates.

Yours faithfully,

H. F. Glass, "
CITY AUDITOR

March 17th, 1927

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS
AS AT FEBRUARY 28th, 1927

General Tax Arrears, Prior to 30th April 1924

Balance as at 31 January 1927		\$1,021,243.61
<u>Less</u>		
Cash Collections during month of February 1927	\$10,578.74	
Written off to Defalcation account and Reserve	<u>457.11</u>	<u>11,035.85</u>
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 28th February 1927 year prior to April 30th 1924</u>		<u>\$1,010,207.76</u>

General Tax Arrears, year ending 30th
April 1925

Balance as at 31 January 1927		\$244,774.07
<u>Less</u>		
Cash Collections during month of February 1927		<u>5,646.09</u>
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 28th February 1927 year 1924-25</u>		<u>\$239,127.98</u>

General Tax Arrears, Year ending 30th
April 1926

Balance as at 31 Jan. 1927		\$398,888.37
<u>Less-Cash Collections during Month of Feb. 1927</u>	<u>\$15,712.41</u>	
Written off to Reserve	<u>12.72</u>	<u>15,725.13</u>
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 28th February 1927 Year 1925-26</u>		<u>\$383,163.24</u>

Total Arrears of Back Years General
Taxes as at 28th Feb. 1927 as above \$1,632,498.98

General Tax Arrears for Current Year ending
30th April 1927

Balance as at 31 Jan. 1927		\$655,352.42
<u>Less Cash Collections during month of February 1927</u>	<u>\$34,769.27</u>	
Written off to Reserve	<u>186.30</u>	<u>34,955.57</u>
<u>Total Taxes outstanding 28th February 1927 for Current Year ending 30th Apr. 1927</u>		<u>\$620,396.85</u>

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Poll Tax for Current Year ending 30th April 1927

Total Estimated outstanding 31 January 1927	\$1,817.00
Less	
Cash Collections during month of February 1927	<u>58.00</u>

Total Estimated Poll Tax outstanding 28th February 1927 year ending 30th April 1927 \$1,759.00

Dog Tax year ending 30th April 1927

Total Collected in excess of estimates for year as at 31st Jan. 1927	\$509.05
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Add Collections during February 1927	<u>4.00</u>
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Total Collected in excess of Estimates as at 28th February 1927: \$513.05

Water Rates and Taxes :

Total outstanding at 31 Jan. 1927	\$172,425.34
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Add -Monthly charges-	<u>1,736.23</u>
	\$174,161.57

Less- Cash Collections during month of February 1927 - \$12,296.48	
Allowances made by Council	<u>3,110.43</u>
	<u>15,406.91</u>

Total Water Rates outstanding 28th February 1927 \$158,754.66

Total Collections on account of above rates and taxes for month of February 1927 \$79,064.99

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering statements of Departmental appropriation as at January 31st 1927:

March 17th, 1927

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 15th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose herewith the usual statement of Departmental Appropriations, copies of which have already been supplied the Heads of Departments.

Yours truly,

H.F. Glass,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

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FIRE ALARM SIGNAL PHONES

Read report of the Committee of Firewards covering report of the City Electrician recommending the purchase and installation of two signal phones at a cost of \$350.00.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
March 17th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached report of the City Electrician re Fire Alarm Signal Phones at an approximate cost of \$350.00 was submitted.

Your Committee recommend that the report of the City Electrician for the installation of two signal phones for the Fire Alarm System, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

H.E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

March 17th, 1927

City Electrician Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 11th, 1927

To the Chairman and Members
of the Board of Firewards.

Dear Sirs:-

The Fire Alarm men are considerably handicapped in not being able to communicate between points out on the line of the Fire Alarm System and the Fire Alarm Headquarters at the City Hall, especially when out testing for trouble on the lines in Stormy weather on account of having no way of direct telephone communication. In most cases the only means available are either to awaken some citizen perhaps late at night and request the use of his phone or else pay five cents out of his own pocket to use a pay station if one is available, resulting particularly in loss of valuable time perhaps when a circuit is open and a whole district is without fire alarm protection.

I would recommend the purchase and installation of sufficient signal line wire and two telephones, one stationary and the other portable, which would overcome the difficulties enumerated above, to a great extent and should result in more speedy service in adjusting trouble on the fire alarm system requiring tests at Fire Alarm Switch-board.

The installation proposed is worked out on the most economical lines and though not very extensive would be sufficient for the purpose desired. I estimate the cost for such an installation to be approximately \$350.00, and would cost for maintenance yearly only a few dollars which could be taken care of within the present Fire Alarm appropriation for maintenance.

There is a balance in appropriation General Improvement Fire Alarm Serviceⁿ of \$1996.85 and I have consulted with the City auditor and he informs me that this expenditure would be a proper one from this appropriation.

Respectfully submitted

Sgd. G.H. Durling
CITY ELECTRICIAN

March 17th, 1927

*Amended
City & Harbour*

Moved by Alderman Rains,
seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be
adopted. Motion passed.

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities
Committee for the month of February, showing the
number of inmates in the City Home to be 268, and
the number of patients in the T.B.Hospital to be
45:

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met
this day and beg to submit the following report
MEMBERS PRESENT the Chairman, Aldermen Sanford,
Hubley, Drysdale, Gastonguay and Daw.

SUPT. REPORT, CITY HOME FEBRUARY 1927 NUMBER OF
INMATES 268

The Superintendents report
shows that during the month of February 1927 there
were 10 persons admitted into the City Home, 6 were
discharged and 7 died.

The total number of inmates
February. 28th, 1927 was 268, made up of 153 men
and 115 women. On the same date last year there
were 162 men 134 women and 3 children a total of
299.

SUPT. REPORT .T. B. HOSPITAL, FEBRUARY 1927, NUMBER
OF PATIENTS 45 Y

The Superintendents report
shows that during the month of February 1927 there
were 5 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis
Hospital, 2 men and 3 women, 2 men were discharged
and 4 men and 2 women died.

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The total number of patients february 28th, 1927 was 45, made up of 20 men, 24 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 18 men and 12 women a total of 30.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

FILED.

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CITY ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT
EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the purchase of equipment for the City Assessor's Department at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the application of the City Assessor for an appropriation of \$300.00 to purchase a cabinet to take care of the poll tax assessments was under consideration.

This matter was dealt with at a meeting held on February 15th last, and recommended to the City Council.

Your Committee adhere to their former recommendation that the application be granted and that the amount be taken from the appropriation in the 1926-27 estimates for printing, postage, telegrams and office equipment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

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*Municipal
City Treasurer*

Moved by Alderman Weston,
seconded by Alderman MacDuff that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

STREET OILING-TEMPORARY LOAN

Read report of the Finance
Committee and City Engineer in reference to a
temporary loan from the Royal Bank of \$5,112.46
to finance the Abutters share of the cost of Street
Oiling during the Civic Year 1926-27:-

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Dec. 10th, 1926

City Treasurer,
CITY

Dear Sir:-

The amount assessed against
the abutting property owners for Street Oiling in
1926 is \$5,195.02. There will also be received
from the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Limited
for oiling their track allowance \$1,950.83 of a
total of \$7,145.85. This amount should be credited
to the Current street appropriations.

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 4th, 1927

City Treasurer,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to certificate
dated the 10th of December 1926, re abutters share for street
oiling, included in the amount due by the abutters

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was the sum of \$82.56 charged against the Canadian National Railways. They have refused to pay this and the matter was left with His Worship the Mayor to take up with that Department. No decision has yet been arrived at, but in the meantime, in order that the accounts may be closed, wish to submit an amended return, so please substitute for the amount of \$5,195.02, stated in the certificate of the 10th of December to be assessed against abutting property owners for street oiling in 1926, the sum of \$5,112.46

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Engineer reported that the amount assessed against abutting property owners for street oiling for 1926 was \$5,112.46. This assessment was made under authority of Section 12, Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1920, and the amount required to defray the proportion of the cost of such treatment is borne by property owners, may be borrowed by the City from any bank or fund available, and be repaid when the same is collected.

Your Committee recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow from the Royal Bank the said sum of \$5,112.46, to be repayable as soon as collected with interest at the rate of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum.

Your Committee further recommend that the attached Resolution dealing with this matter be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded
by Alderman McDuff that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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The following Resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS the City Engineer by Certificates dated December 10th, 1926 and amended by that of March 4th, 1927 states that the amount which the abutters have been assessed for in the list filed as their proportion of the cost of street oiling for 1926 is \$5,112.46.

AND WHEREAS it is now necessary to borrow the said sum of \$5,112.46 under the authority of Section 12 Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1920 of the Provincial Legislature which reads:-

"The amount required to defray the proportion of the cost of such treatments to be borne by the property owners may be borrowed by the City from any Bank or fund available and repaid when the same is collected"

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Halifax, through its Treasurer, do borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$5,112.46 to be repayable as soon as collected with interest at the rate of 5% per annum

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to do and perform all such matters and things as may be reasonably required by the said Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the said Loan.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman McDuff and passed.

TAX ARREARS- BOND ESTATE

Read report of the Finance Committee covering letter of the City Collector in reference to tax arrears on estate of the late Alexander Bond 456-460 Barrington Street:

*Auditor
Treasurer
Engineer*

March 17th, 1927

City Collector's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 8th, 1927

H.F. Glass, Esq.,
City Auditor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Re: Taxes 456-460 Barrington Street
Estate Alexander Bond- Balance
206- 190- \$28.80

We beg to advise that the above \$28.80 was marked outstanding on the Rolls by the Price, Waterhouse Audit notwithstanding the fact that the sum of \$286.40 was accepted in full by Mr. Theakston for a tax of \$315.20. There is no question about the facts, because the entry is made in the handwriting of Mrs Hopewell, and she, undoubtedly, did it upon instructions from Mr. Theakston. Mr Bond was killed in the Explosion and, I believe, it would be next to impossible to find this receipt; even if it were found it would throw no further light on the subject.

I would recommend that the account be charged up to Reserve and the amount applied to,

179-1925 Payment on account-

Yours Faithfully,
R.V. Dimock,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Collector in reference to a balance for the year 1910 in the tax account of the estate of the late Alexander Bond \$28.80 was under consideration.

It was decided to recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to write this amount off and charge to reserve.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN.

March 17th, 1927

*Auditor
Collector*

Moved by Alderman Weston,
seconded by Alderman McDuff, that the report be
adopted . Motion passed.

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MERCHANTS GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION-CLAIM
AGAINST CITY

Read report of the Finance
Committee in reference to a claim of the Merchants
Guarantee Association against the City, and covering
opinion of the City Solicitor on the same.

Halifax, N S. July 29th, 1926

The Auditor,
City of Halifax

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the case
of ourselves vs Kenneth Knickle in the City Court.

In this case, a writ of
execution under the Collection Act was issued during
the month of December, 1924 but it was returned with
the report that the defendant could not be located.

Knickle was located recently
and the execution re-issued but Knickle contends that
the amount, viz, \$10.20, was paid to Mr. Reyno, some
time ago. If this statement is correct, we would
suggest that the City is liable to us for this amount.

Yours very truly,

W.P. Publicover,
PRO MANAGER.

Halifax, N.S.
January 12th, 1927

Chairman
Finance Committee,
city.

RE CLAIM OF MERCHANTS GUARANTEE ASS'N.

Dear Sir:-

Since this matter was
first referred to me I have had occasion to carefully

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Chairman,
Finance Committee,
CITY.

RE CLAIM OF MERCHANTS GUARANTEE ASSN.

Dear Sir:-

Since this matter was first referred to me I have had occasion to carefully consider, in connection with the action brought by Whiston, the question of the liability of the City for wrongs alleged to have been committed by members of the Police. I have come to the conclusion, though with considerable doubt, that the default alleged to have been committed by Reyno is not paying over to the City moneys collected by him on executions issued out of the City Court, is not one for which the City can be held liable. He was not acting in any way for the City but merely discharging a duty for the benefit of the Creditor, and he therefore comes within the principle set out in the often quoted passage from Dillon on Municipal Corporations Sections 974 and 975 that "Police Officers though appointed and paid by a City are not to be considered its servants or Agents, so as to render the City liable for their unlawful or negligent acts in the discharge of their duties"

The reason for my doubt is that the City received money for the issue of the execution and the services of the Officer, but on consideration it does not seem to me that this would be sufficient to so alter the position as to render the City liable for the wrong committed by the Officer.

Respectfully submitted

F.H. Bell
CITY SOLICITOR.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached correspondence with the Merchants Guarantee Association with reference to a claim against the City of \$10.20 for money collected by the late Mr. Reyno, under an execution, when acting in the position as City Marshall, and not accounted for by him on his removal from office was submitted.

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The City Solicitor submitted a report that the City is not liable for this amount, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Your Committee recommend that the opinion of the City Solicitor be concurred in, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Merchants Guarantee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Weston,
seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Resolved
Mer. Guarantee
Assoc. 3/23*

TAX ARREARS NORTH WESTERN INSURANCE CO.
A.E. CURREN & Co. AGENTS

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to the tax arrears of the North Western Insurance Company, A.E. Curren & Co., Agents, and covering opinion of the City Solicitor on the same:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 12th, 1927

Chairman
Finance Committee
CITY.

RE: TAXES NORTH WESTERN INSURANCE CO

Dear Sir:-

I do not know what I can usefully add to the opinion I verbally gave the Committee at its last meeting. As the Company has withdrawn its offer, the only question for me appears to be the power of the City to compel payment.

The difficulties I see in the way of this are as follows:-

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The Company has no longer any Agent or Assets within this Province and its Head Office appears to be in Winnipeg. Action could not be brought against it for the taxes in the Manitoba Courts, because the authority appears plain that the Court of one Country will not entertain an action to recover taxes imposed in another country. (Sydney v Bull 1909 1, K.B. 7) and on the other hand I do not see how an action could be begun under an Order giving service out of the Jurisdiction because in such an Order could be given only for a debt arising out of contract and not for a debt arising, as a tax debt does, out of a Statute.

For these reasons I am unable to see what remedy the City has for the recovery of these taxes.

Respectfully submitted

F.H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
March 9 -27

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Collector reported on the taxes of the North Western Fire Insurance Company of Winnipeg, A.E. Curren & Co., Agents, between the period of 1912-22 \$1,800.00 and interest.

In March 1926 this Company offered to make a settlement to the City of \$890.15, but on November 24th, 1926 the offer was cancelled, and withdrawn and the matter was then referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion. The City Solicitor has since submitted an opinion that the City would be unable to collect amount, as the City has no jurisdiction to sue for an amount for taxes in the Manitoba Courts.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the opinion of the City Solicitor be concurred in and that the amount be written off and placed in the reserve account.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

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Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration. Motion passed

*Adm Weston
Clerk*

WATER METER BILL NO. 26 STANLEY STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and Clerk of Works in reference to Water Meter Bill No. 26 Stanley Street

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 16th, 1927

26 Stanley St.- Correction of Street Number

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the attached report of the Clerk of Works, correcting the Street number in connection with the Water Report acted upon by Council at its meeting held Feby. 16th was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 12th, 1927

26 Stanley Street-Correction of Street Number

His Worship the Mayor and works Committee

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on February 2nd, the report of the City Engineer

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was approved in connection with Water consumption said to refer to property No. 23 Stanley Street. This went to Council and was duly approved at a meeting held on February 16th. It was since then discovered that the correct number of the property in question was No. 26 and in order to correct the Minutes of Council it is necessary for a formal report to be forwarded from the Works Committee and it is now requested that your approval and recommendation of this report be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

*Amended
Collector
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted. Motion passed

WATER METER BILL No. 253 Barrington St

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill 253 Barrington St., &-

City Engineers Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 14th, 1927

253 Barrington St- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint from the owner of the premises 253 Barrington Street that the water meter bill for these premises is excessive, that the periods complained of are the half years ending April 1926 and October 1926, the bill in the former case amounts to \$41.83 and in the latter \$18.14. The monthly consumption during the periods complained of was as follows:-

1925	Nov. 28	16,200	
	Dec. 28	44,600	(N) 31-12-25
1926	Jan. 28	21,900	
	Feb. 26	39,500	
	Mar. 27	24,700	
	Apr. 29	16,700	
	May. 29	14,800	
	June 29	10,500	
	July 30	9,300	
	Aug. 30	10,800	
	Sept. 29	34,000	(N) 1-10-26
	Oct. 29	11,300	
	Nov. 29	20,300	
	Dec. 30	24,100	

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Under the law as the application for a reduction was not made until the 11th of March, the Committee are precluded from taking any action on the bill for the half year ending April 1926.

With regard to the Bill for the last half year, it will be seen that there was a larger consumption than the average for the month of September, Notice was sent and the owner states that there were leaky fixtures which were repaired immediately on receipt of the notice. The reading for the ensuing month would seem to bear this out. I find that the bill for the corresponding period of the previous year was \$18.50 practically the same as for the one under discussion, but as steps were immediately taken to remedy conditions, I would recommend that the September reading be reduced from 34,000 to 14,000 the average for the previous five months.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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253 Barrington Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that the water consumption at the above premises for the month of September 1926 amounting to 34,000 gallons be reduced to 10,000 gallons was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw,

seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed

*Director
Collector
Clerk of Works*

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WATER METER BILL 31-33 ALMON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 31-33 Almon
Street:-

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 3rd, 1927

31-33 ALMON STREET WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of
excessive water consumption at the premises # 31-33
Almon Street, that the periods complained of are
the months of January and February of this year.
The monthly consumption for the past six months
are as follows:-

1926	Sept. 2-	7,300	
	Oct. 2	4,000	
	Nov. 2	4,200	
	Dec. 2	4,600	
1927	Jan. 4	74,100	W.O. Tied down (N) 12-1-27
	Feb. 2	14,700	

There are two tenants in this house.
The large reading in January was due to the flush
chain of the closet being tied down, which allowed
a continuous stream to run. It will be noticed
that the consumption, while marked January, really
took place in December.

I find on going back to the records
that during the first four months of this year the
monthly consumption ran from 44,000 to 61,000
gallons.

Owing to the deliberate and unnecessary
waste of water I am unable to recommend the reduction
asked for.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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31-33 Almon Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor
and Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the attached report of the City Engineer in re Water Consumption at the above premises as shown for month ending Jany. 4th, 1927 and amounting to 74,100 gallons was read; the Committee feeling that in this case they were justified in making a recommendation of a reduction in the quantity of water used, decided to recommend to Council that the consumption noted for said month be reduced one half.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*Alderman
Collector
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL 101-103 CREIGHTON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 101-103 Creighton Street:-

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 15-27

101- Creighton St- Water Bill
103 Creighton Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the water Bill for the premises #101 Creighton Street claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending October 1926, and the amount of the Bill is \$16.36. The monthly consumption during the period was as follows:

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April 14-	12,800	
May 13	10,600	
June 14	8,200	
July 16	18,800	
Aug. 16	17,800	W.C. Wasting (N) 24-8-26
Sept. 15	16,900	
Oct. 15	9,500	

It will be noticed that there was a large consumption during July, August and September, accounted for by the fact of a closet wasting. The records would show that immediately on notification steps were taken to repair the leak. Under the circumstances I would recommend that the consumption for July, August and September be reduced to 10,000 gallons for each month and the bill made up accordingly.

I also have a complaint from the owner of this property of a large consumption at # 103 Creighton Street. The half yearly bills at these premises have been as follows:

Half year ending March 1924-	\$12.04
Oct. 1924	4.04
Apr. 1925	12.34
Oct. 1925	5.18
Apr. 1926	13.50
Oct. 1926	2.22

It will be noticed that in each case there is an increase in the bills, which includes the winter months. This is apparently due to the water having been let run to prevent freezing.

As the claim was not made within the period laid down by the Charter, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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101 Creighton Street-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,
and Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that the water consumption at premises 101 Creighton Street for the months of July, August and September 1926 totalling 53,700 gallons be reduced to 30,000 gallons was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey

-751- CLERK OF WORKS

March 17th, 1927

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by
Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

*pleasitor,
Council of
Cty. of Works*

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WATER METER BILL No. 3 DUNDONALD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 3
Dundonald Street:

City Engineer's Office,
February 15th, 1927

3 Dundonald Street- Water Account

H.W. Johnston, Esq.,
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of
excessive water consumption at the premises No. 3
Dundonald Street, that the period complained of
is January 1927. The records show the following
consumption:

Oct. 8	1,600
Nov. 9	1,400
Dec. 8	1,700
Jan. 10	11,600 N. 1-17-27
Feb. 8	1,600

A notice was sent on the 17th of
January at which time a large consumption was
reported. The premises were inspected and there
was no waste found and no signs of any repairs having
been made, but the dial on the water meter was found
to be faulty. It is the opinion of the Meter Reader
that this consumption shown for January was wrong.
The average consumption during the past year has
been about 1,700 gallons per month, and as it appears
that the property owner was not at fault in this
case, I would recommend that the consumption to be
charged for January be 1,700 gallons instead of
that shown.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W.L. Doane
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H.W. JOHNSTON
CITY ENGINEER

March 17th, 1927

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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3 Dundonald St- Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor and City
Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd inst, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption at the above mentioned premises for the month ending January 10th, 1927, 11,600 gallons. It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption be reduced to 1,700 gallons for this month.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded

by Alderman Shannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed

WATER METER BILL 229 CREIGHTON STREET

Read report of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 229
Creighton Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 9-27

229 Creighton St-
Water Acct.

H.W. Johnston, Esq.,
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 229 Creighton Street, that the period complained

*Handled as
to all accounts
on works*

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of 1s December 1926. The records show the following consumption:

July 16	2,200	
Aug. 17	2,600	
Sept. 16	3,200	
Oct. 15	9,700	
Nov. 16	-	Not reg.Rep'd 17-11-26
Dec. 15	14,300	No.20-12-26
Jan. 17	18,600	

A notice was sent on December 20th, 1926, and the premises were inspected on December 29th, at which time the meter was tested and found to be accurate. One tap and a W.C. were found wasting- The consumption for the month following that in which the notice was sent increased to 18,600, the notice apparently had no effect. I cannot recommend any reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W.L. Doane,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

APPROVED

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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229 Creighton Street-
Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on the above mentioned, premises for water consumption for the month of December 1926.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for two months ending January 1927, totalling 32,900 gallons be reduced to 15,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted

A.F.Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

March 17th, 1927

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by
Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

*Inspector
Collector
Clerk of Works*

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WATER METER BILL No. 98-100 Gerrish St.

Read reports of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 98-100
Gerrish Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 23-1927

Nos. 98-100 Gerrish St-
Water Account

H. W. Johnston,
City Engineer

Sir:-

I beg to report on a claim for
a reduction in the last two water bills for the
premises No. 98-100 Gerrish Street claimed to be
excessive, one for the period ending April 1926
for \$18.84, and the other for the period ending
October 1926 for \$17.26. The owner states that
the large Consumptions were due to unsatisfactory
tenants. As the first bill was not submitted
within the specified time, it is therefore not sub-
ject to revision.

The following is the consumption
shown by the records for the period April 8th, 1926
to February 7th, 1927:

Apr. 8th,	32,000	
May 7	20,800	
June	Vacant	
July 8	41,000	W.C.W. N.16-7-26
Aug. 9	12,900	
Sept. 8	8,500	
Oct. 7	3,100	
Nov. 6	800	
Dec. 7	1,900	
Jan. 8	7,900	
Feb. 7	21,300	T. & W.C.W. N.10-2-27

The consumption was abnormal and
a notice was sent on the 16th of July, 1926, at which
time a W.C. was wasting. The meter reader reports a tap

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and W.C. Wasting from January 8th, to May 7th, a W.C. wasting from May 7th to Sept. 8th, no waste from September 8th to December 7th, and a W.C. Wasting from Dec. 7th to Feb. 7th, 1927. The tenant stated that water was allowed to run to prevent freezing. A notice was sent on the 10th of February 1927, and an inspection made of the premises on February 19th, at which time a tap and W.C. were still wasting.

In view of the facts as stated above I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted

H.W.L. Doane
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H.W. JOHNSTON
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 7th, 1927

98-100 Gerrish Street-Water Account

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held March 2nd, the City Engineer submitted a report on the above mentioned premises for half year ending April 1926 and October 1926.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption shown for the months of April, May, June and July amounting to 93,800 gallons be reduced to 15,400 gallons for each month.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

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*Auditor
Collector
Clerk*

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed

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WATER METER BILL 29 VICTORIA ROAD

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 29 Victoria Road:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 23rd, 1927

29 VICTORIA ROAD WATER ACOCT

H.W. Johnston, Esq.,
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 29 Victoria Road, that the period complained of is the month of December 1926. The records show the following consumption for the past six months:

Aug. 6	12,400
Sep. 7	8,000
Oct. 6	6,900
Nov. 5	No. Reading-Quarantined
Dec. 7	22,600 No. 11-12-26
Jan. 7	7,300

A notice was sent on the 11th of the month at which time there was an excessive consumption noted. The meter reader reports that there is no waste at the premises at the present time. The owner claims that the property was under quarantine for scarlet fever and there was a leak in the closet in the bathroom but he was unable to have it repaired. This has been confirmed, and as the consumption during the next month has fallen off to about one-third of what it was during December, the owner has evidently taken all the steps which he could to remedy the waste.

Under these conditions I would recommend that the consumption as shown for December be reduced by one-third.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W.L. Doane
ASST CITY ENGINEER

H.W. JOHNSTON
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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29 Victoria Road - Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption for the above mentioned premises amounting to 22,600 gallons for the month of December 1926.

As there were special circumstances in connection with this case, it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for December be reduced by one-third.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL 68 AGRICOLA STREET

Read Report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 68 Agricola Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 9th, 1927

68 Agricola St- Water Account

H.W. Johnston
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 68 Agricola Street that the period complained of is the month of December

*Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

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1926. The records show the following consumption.

April	21	8,200	
May	20	1,400	
June	18	1,300	
July		-	
Aug.	20	2,900	
Sept.	21	1,500	
Oct.	20	700	
Nov.	19	400	
Dec.	20	23,600	W.C.W.N.24-12-26
Jan.	21	133,500	

A notice was sent on December 24th 1926 at which time a W.C. was wasting, and there had been a large consumption. The premises were inspected on December 20th at which time a W.C. was reported wasting. On January 21st, the W.C. was still wasting and on January 27th water was being allowed to run to prevent freezing.

As the consumption for the month following that in which the notice was sent is nearly six times what it was in the month complained of, the notice apparently had no effect whatever, and under these conditions I cannot recommend a reduction.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. L. Doane
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 8th, 1927

68 Agricola St-Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held the 2nd inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Consumption at the above mentioned premises for the month of December 1926.

It was decided in view of special circumstances to recommend to Council that the consumption for two months ending January 1927, totalling 157,100 gallons, that an allowance of 75,000 gallons be made on same.

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

March 17th, 1927

*Inspector
Collector
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL 100-100 1/2 -- ARGYLE STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 100- 100 1/2 Agricola Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 2st 1927

100-100 1/2 Argyle Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises No. 100-100 1/2 Argyle Street complained of being excessive, that the period complained of is the half year ending October 1926, and the amount of the bill is \$26.92. The monthly record of consumption at the premises has been as follows:-

April 9	3,000	
May 8	Could not get at meter	
June 10	" "	" "
July	" "	" "
Aug. 9	" "	" "
Sept. 14	120,600	N. 20-9-26
Oct. 18	14,000	
Nov. 20	No. Key	
Dec. 20	8,500	

I t will be seen from the record that the meter was not read for four months of the period due to it being inaccessible owing to material placed there by the tenant. When the meter was read in September, it was found that there had been an average per month. The owner states that the tenant not only did not pay any rental, but did not report any leakage. Immediately on receipt of the first notice from this office steps were taken to repair the leaky fixtures. This is borne out by the records.

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The half yearly bills for these premises for the past four years have averaged from \$4.12 to \$9.88

As immediately on receipt of notice steps were taken to repair the leaks and remedy the waste, I would recommend that the bill be reduced by one-half.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 8th, 1927

100-1 Argyle Street- Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on the above mentioned premises on Water consumption amounting to 120,600 gallons for the month of September 1926.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the bills sent out for half year ending Oct. 1926 totalling \$26.92 be reduced one-half plus \$1.00 for meter rental.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervy
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL No. 20 MACARA STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 20 Macara Street:

*Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 17th, 1927

20 Macara Street- Water Account

Mr. H.W. Johnston,
City Engineer:

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No.20 Macara Street, that the period complained of is January 1927. The records show the following consumption for the past four months:

November	3	7,300
December	3	4,700
January	6	15,100
February	3	5,200

The consumption for the month of January was higher than usual and a notice was sent. The owner claims he hired a plumber at once and with great difficulty found a leak in the tank of W.C., which he claims was repaired. The premises were inspected on January 28th, and no waste was found but the tenant stated that W.C. had been leaking but was repaired.

As the consumption for the following month dropped nearly to normal, this would show that the owner apparently did everything that he could to stop the waste, and under these circumstances I would recommend that the consumption as shown for January be reduced by one-half.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W.L. Doane,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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20 Macara St- Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor and City
Council.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee

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held on the 23rd inst., the attached report of the City Engineer recommending that the consumption at premises 20 Macara Street for the month of January 15,100 gals. be reduced by one-half, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw,

seconded by Alderman S hannon that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*Auditor
Collector
Clerk of Works*

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PROPERTY SALES UNDER LIEN LAW

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to the City Collector bidding on properties put up for sale for arrears of taxes under the lien law

Committee Room,
City Hall
March 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

SALES OF PROPERTY UNDER LIEN LAW

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Collector in reference to sales of property under the lien law was submitted and read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Collector be instructed to bid in any of the properties advertised for the amount due to the City against the same.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

March 17th, 1927

Collector

Moved by Alderman Weston,
seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be
adopted. Motion passed

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Read report of the City
Health Board covering Resolution requesting that
the Board of Health be authorized to engage Major
H.E. Gates, Architect, to complete plans and
specifications for the construction of an Isolation
Hospital and to call for tenders on the plans and
specifications when finally approved.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City
Health Board held on Wednesday, March 16th, 1927
the following Resolution was unanimously passed;

"RESOLVED that the City
Council be requested to authorize the Board of Health
to engage Mr. H.E. Gates, Architect, to complete
plans and specifications for the construction of
an Isolation Hospital and to call for tenders on
the plans and specifications when finally approved."

The Board instructed me to
forward a copy of the above resolution to the City
Council for their information and necessary action.

Respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Pettipas,
SECRETARY C.H.B.

Moved by Alderman Shannon
seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman
Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this
matter be deferred until such time as the Health
Board furnish this Council with ^a more detailed
statement of the proposed building and the probable
cost thereof, the cost of equipment and also pro-
bable annual cost of upkeep.

Amendment put and lost four voting
for the same and ten against it as follows:

FOR AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Weston
Gastonguay
MacDuff
Hubley

Alderman Shannon
Tobin
Sanford
Halliday
McCarthy
Rains
Drysedale
Robinson
Smeltzer
Daw- 10

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The original motion is put and
passed, eleven voting for the same and three
against it as follows:

*✓
D. J. Forrester
✓
C. L. Pettigrew*

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Shannon
Tobin
Sanford
Halliday
Gastonguay
McCarthy
Rains
Drysedale
Robinson
Smeltzer
Daw -11

Alderman MacDuff
Hubley
Weston

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6.15 o'clock

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by
Alderman Gastonguay that this Council do now adjourn
Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned

J. B. Kenny
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MAYOR

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